



Connecting with God,
Connecting with Others,
Changing Our World With Christ's Love

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UPCOMING IN WORSHIP

Sunday, October 1st. Pastor Jack begins our Stewardship message series with *Personal Par*. It is also World Communion Sunday. Worship is in person or online at Live.WaterfordCUMC.org

Dear Friends,

I am torn during this time of year. I truly enjoy Stewardship Campaigns and the challenging work of under-girding a congregation's ministry for the upcoming year. I believe that people find tremendous meaning through giving toward God's Kingdom work on earth. Jesus said, "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6:19-21)

I believe in the inherent nature of people toward generosity. I believe that our members and friends want to support our ministries as we prepare future generations for meaningful lives of service and relationships with God and our church family. I love to connect people's treasures and hearts to the needs of our church family and the needs of our community.

On the other hand, it is a stressful time of year because the financial realm of our lives is a finite realm—there is a limited amount of funds, time and abilities that can be used in service to the church of Jesus Christ. I am also aware that the fall is often a time when people come to visit a church in the hope of connecting to a community of faith. In my mind, there exists a group of people who, each fall, attempts to connect with a church but what they find are churches that are "always talking about money." They give up their search until the next fall!

I am asking you—our members and friends—to consider how you will contribute toward the ministry of our church in 2024. Search your hearts for a connection to the needs of our church and wider community. Pray about your giving and then seek to make a difference in our world. There are many motivations for giving and I want to share *8 Positive Motivations for Giving* by Gregory G. M. Ingram, former pastor of Grace African Methodist Episcopal Church in Detroit.

1. Gratitude to God.
2. People really want to be giving persons.
3. People want to be a part of something that positively affects the lives of others.
4. Awareness of a particular need (different needs for different people).
5. People give to a cause that interests them.
6. Desire to be recognized as a person who wants to count for something significant.
7. Some persons give to lessen their taxes and help a charitable cause.
8. Some give out a deep sense of loyalty.

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Which of these motivations describe you? There are probably more than one. These positive motivations connect us with our generosity and help us to find meaning through that generosity. I sincerely hope you are keeping our church and leadership in your prayers as we begin our Stewardship Campaign: *Join the Team! The CUMC Team!*

On October 15, you will be invited to come forward to make your pledge toward our ministry in 2024. Together, we will work toward "Changing our world with Christ's love." I look forward to seeing you in worship!

Because of Christ,

Pastor Jack

Church Conference Sunday, October 1st

We will have our annual Church Conference on Sunday, October 1, 2023 at 3:30pm. This is an opportunity to review what has happened this past year and look to our future ministries. To join our Church Conference, click on the Zoom link:

<https://michiganumc.zoom.us/j/84389192766?pwd=CO8ZwUleaenHykbYlvpSPBQgpDSVeK.1>

Meeting ID: 843 8919 2766

Passcode: 531258 (REQUIRED)

We want to remind our Staff Parish Relations Committee that they will be meeting before our Church Conference at 2:45pm.

It's Almost Trunk or Treat Time

Patty is looking for folks to help out on the Trunk or Treat planning committee. If you'd like to help, contact Patty at (248) 681-0040 or pstroup@waterfordcumc.org.

Sympathies

Our sincerest condolences to Debra (James) Hayden-Schmid on the passing of her mother, Patricia L. Hayden on September 4th, 2023.

Prayers for Sherry Stone on the passing of her husband, Eric Alan Stone on September 8, 2023 and to Jacob (Audra) and Julian on the passing of their father.

Thank You

Dear Friends,

It was so nice of you to send me one of your special Purple Threads cards. It brought back such good memories and it

PrimeTime Senior Ministry presents

Share Your Hobby

Thursday, October 19th
1:00 - 3:30pm

Do you have a hobby? Are you a collector, crafter, writer, scrapbooker, or magician? Are you looking for a hobby?

Bring your hobby, collection, etc. to Fellowship Hall and spend a few hours sharing your passion with others. If you don't have a hobby, plan to attend and see what others are doing.

Cider and donuts will be served!

Please RSVP by Tuesday, October 17th to Cathy Hazen (cathzen@comcast.net) with your name, hobby or collection you will share, and whether you need table and/or chair space.



BORN TO ETERNAL LIFE



William (Bill) Svenkesen

June 3, 1935 - September 19, 2023

Member Since October 25, 1964

Our prayers are with Bill's wife Velette and their children Stacy (Tony) Kawa, Gail Berman, and Todd Svenkesen, and Bill's grandchildren, extended family, and friends.

made me smile seeing so many signatures. What a wonderful, faithful group to have been a part of! You'll always be a part of me.

God Bless You All,
-Kathy (Reseigh)

Dear Central Friends,

We would like to say thank you for all the prayers and support from Waterford Central United Methodist Church during Steve's illness and surgeries. Steve is doing great!

-Sandi & Steve Krupa

Connect with Central

Central's Facebook Page - <https://www.facebook.com/waterfordcumc>. Find recordings of previous services, faith development videos and daily inspirations.

Central's YouTube Channel - <https://www.youtube.com/waterfordcumc/>. Find Pastor Jack's weekly devotionals, recordings of past worship services and more.

Central's Vimeo Channel - <https://www.vimeo.com/waterfordcumc/>. Find recordings of past services and music and dance recordings. Past recordings of services can be found at <https://vimeo.com/waterfordcumc/MM-DD-YY> (month, day and year of the service).

Central's Facebook Group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/waterfordcumc/>. A private group that allows members to support one another with posts and inspiration.

Central's Website - <https://www.WaterfordCUMC.org>. Find recordings of sermons, upcoming events and information, and the online Connection Card.

Online Worship - <https://Live.WaterfordCUMC.org>.

The deadline for articles for the October 15th issue of the *Chimes* is Thursday, October 5th.

Blessing of the Pets

Tuesday, October 3rd
7:00-9:00pm

All friendly pets (and their people) are welcome to our 2nd annual Blessing of the Pets, including:

- A special pet blessing
- Make your own dog treat
- Coffee and dessert
- Meet other pet-loving humans



Cookies for Central's College Students

It's time again to send love and blessings to our college students and military recruits. Sign up outside the office to donate cookies or other individual snacks. Please wrap cookies in packages of two so they can easily be divided between our students.

Drop donations at Central by Thursday, October 12th.

If you have a college student who would like to receive cookies please email the church office at info@waterfordcumc.org with your student's name and address by Monday, October 9th.

This Year's Stewardship Theme Is Join the Team! The CUMC Team!

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"Tailgate" Potluck After Worship on October 15

Please sign up outside the office if you would like to bring a dish to share.